

Re: Docket No. 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production,
Processing, and Handling of Food"

To whom it may concern:

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I am concerned about the prospect of weakened or eliminated
labeling requirements for irradiated food. I feel that any foods
that have been irradiated, as well as any foods containing
irradiated ingredients should be clearly marked on the primary
display panel with a label indicative of such treatment. Such
labels should include a written statement and be accompanied by
the radura.

I feel that, as a consumer, I have the right to know how my food
has been processed. With proper labeling on food products, I will
be able to assess for myself which products have been treated with
radiation, and make an educated decision about which of them I
choose to purchase. My concern over this issue transcends the
controversy over food-irradiation. I believe that consumer
freedom of choice is at stake, in that a choice based on
incomplete information (as would be provided by unlabeled
irradiated food) is not truly a freely made choice. Please see
that labeling requirements are strengthened, not weakened.

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